tourism has increased to US$ 3945 million during the year 2003-04 from US$ 3029 million earned during the year 2002-03, indicating an increase of about 30%.

(d) According to figures compiled by Reserve Bank of India, the share of foreign exchange earnings through tourism sector as compared to the total foreign revenue during the year 2003-04 is 3.43%.

Flow of foreign currency in tourism sector

†770. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foreign currency flow into the country;

(b) whether there has been a decline in flow of foreign currency in the tourism sector in comparison to last year; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the plans of Government to meet this deficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Information regarding flow of foreign currency in the country is not maintained by Ministry of Tourism. However, as per the information furnished by Reserve Bank of India, total Current Account Receipts during the year 2003-04 has been US$ 1,14,891 million compared to US$ 95,885 million during the year 2002-03.

(b) No, Sir. As per the information compiled by Reserve Bank of India for travel sector, earnings from tourism during the year 2003-04 has been US$ 3945 million compared to US$ 3029 million during the year 2002-03, showing an increase of 30 per cent during the year 2003-04.

(c) Does not arise.

Special drive for foreign tourists

†771. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the arrival of foreign tourists to India during the last year was as per the target;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government will formulate an action plan by organising a special drive for the convenience of foreign tourists to achieve the yearly targets?

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